

REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims **15-22** are pending in the application. Claims **15-22** have been rejected. Claim **15** has been amended. Claims **16-22** have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve all rights in these Claims to file Divisional or Continuation Applications. New claims **23-46** have been added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 15, 18, 21 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ala-Laurila (USPN 6,246,871). Claims 18, 21 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice, therefore the rejection of these claims is moot.

Ala-Laurila discloses a method for providing access of select messages to multiple recipients in cellular networks [Ala-Laurila Abstract]. According to Ala-Laurila, a temporary access code is assigned to a selected message, and the messaging service address code and temporary access code are transmitted to the intended recipients of the voice message to allow the intended recipients to access the selected message by contacting the voice messaging service and entering the temporary access code.

Amended claim 15 recites in part: "sending said message pointer to at least one given subscriber's address, wherein at least one given subscriber may use said

message pointer in combination with a subscriber's address identifier associated with said at least one given subscriber to enable access to said message without having to input any additional data." Applicants respectfully assert that nowhere in Ala-Laurila is it taught or suggested that a recipient of a message pointer may use the message pointer in combination with a subscriber's (the recipient, for example) address identifier to access the message without having to input any additional data. Applicants respectfully assert that there is a substantial distinction between the combination of the messaging service access code and the temporary access code of Ala-Laurila, and the combination of the message pointer and the subscriber's address identifier, which is independent of any particular message, of the present invention.

Newly added claim 36 recites in part "using said first specific network address to initiate a communication session with said communication device at said first specific network address, wherein upon the identification of said given subscriber's address access to said stored message is provided without having to input any additional data." Similarly, Applicants respectfully assert that nowhere in Ala-Laurila is it taught or suggested that a recipient of a message may use a link to a specific network address to initiate a communication session and once the communication session is established the subscriber's (e.g. the recipient's) address may be identified to enable access to the specific message without having to input any additional data.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 15 and newly added claim 36 are not anticipated by Ala-Laurila at least for the aforementioned reasons.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 16, 17, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over by Ala-Laurila (USPN 6,246,871) in view of Yablon (USPN 5,764,731). Claims 16, 17, 19 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice, therefore the rejection of these claims is moot.

Claims 23-35, and 37-46 are dependent upon allowable based claims and are therefore allowable by virtue of their dependency on an allowable base claim.

CONCLUSION

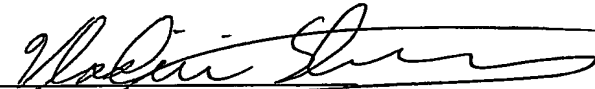
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks all pending claims are believed to be allowable. Their favorable consideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants note the Examiner's citation of prior art to complete the record.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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